

REMARKS

Claims 1-19, 22-30, 32-39 and 41-47 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 20, 21, 31, 40 and 48-49 have been cancelled, and the specification and claims 1, 3, 4, 6-9, 22, 24 and 45-47 have been amended. These amendments are being made to facilitate early allowance of the presently claimed subject matter. Applicants do not acquiesce in the correctness of the objections and rejections and reserve the right to present specific arguments regarding any rejected claims not specifically addressed. Further, Applicant reserves the right to pursue the full scope of the subject matter of the original claims in a subsequent patent application that claims priority to the instant application. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the specification is objected to for not including the application numbers of the related applications. By this amendment, the specification has been amended to include the patent numbers of the related applications. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of this objection. In addition, claims 1-43 and 45-49 were objected to for informalities. Applicant has revised the claims according to the Office's suggestions, and hence, requests withdrawal of the objections.

In the Office Action, claims 20-21 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Applicant has canceled those claims, and accordingly requests withdrawal of the rejection.

In the Office Action, claims 48-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as allegedly not being statutory subject matter. Applicant has canceled those claims, and accordingly requests withdrawal of the rejection.

The Office also rejects claims 1-49 on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness type double patenting over US Patent No. 7,111,260 and US Patent Application 11/503,200. Applicant hereby submits a terminal disclaimer as to that patent and patent application. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejections.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 1-49 would allowable if the above-identified rejections/objections were overcome. Applicant believes that all of the Office's concerns have been addressed herein. However, while applicant believes that the claims are allowable, applicant does not acquiesce that patentability resides in each feature, exactly as expressed by the Office in the reasons for allowance.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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